

Kefalonian International Organization – newsletter-April 2021

1.Introduction

Welcome to our Members and Supporters to Kefalonian International Organization (KIO) first 'Newsletter'. For those new to us, we are a charity/organization established May 2019. The focus of the organization was to create a forum and voice for international and local residents wishing to support improvements and promote greater involvement with the community. The organization was established through holding meetings and forming a committee to help assist residents with issues they wished to raise effecting their life on the Island.

Since then, we have performed various fundraising events to establish KIO as a legal charity:

- Christmas Bazaar December 2019
- Fancy Dress Party February 2020
- International Food Day June 2020
- Bake Off August 2020
- Oktoberfest September 2020



The funds from these events have gone towards some of the legal and administrative costs of registering Kefalonian International Organization as an official charity. We have also supported other organizations and made donations on behalf of our members to the following:

- Represented KIO at the Livathos Carnival
- Covid Protective Supplies for the Argostoli Police Department
- Sports Equipment for Children's Water Polo Club
- Christmas Gifts for Children & Young Persons at O'Sotir Orphanage.



2. New KIO Website and email address

However, since the start of the Covid Emergency in 2020, KIO's charitable activities have been severely limited. During this challenging period, the Committee has sought to continue with establishing the charity, and we now wish to announce the launch of our new email address and website, noting thanks to both Grant Endersby and Vontaine Burton for their hard work in setting this up:

New Email Details: [**contact@kefalonian-international.org**](mailto:contact@kefalonian-international.org)

Website Details: [**https://www.kefalonian-international.org**](https://www.kefalonian-international.org)

The site provides a menu and more details about KIO, the Committee, Campaigns & Events, Previous Meetings Minutes and Forthcoming Campaigns and how you might support us either as a member or donor. This website will form the main 'Hub' for the charity and the main means for our organization to communicate, campaign and fundraise on behalf of members and donors. So please feel free to visit.

3.Membership

KIO is a legally registered charity/organization with the Central Greek Government. It is a universal legal requirement for members to pay a small annual subscription fee of minimum €10. This is to provide for any legal and administration running costs for the charity.

Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could as members pay your subscription for this year 2021-2022. We will be issuing membership cards which include a discount scheme provided by local businesses.

You can pay your fee via our PayPal account (link below) which is our email address, or if you prefer by contacting us via our website contact details.

[**https://paypal.me/KefIntOrg?locale.x=en_US**](https://paypal.me/KefIntOrg?locale.x=en_US)

If you have a paypal app – you can simply scan our QR code;-



4.Recent Events

In early February 2021, several KIO members volunteered their help with deep cleaning within the *O Sotir Orphanage* in Argostoli due to the damage caused by recent storms. The Orphanage provides care and accommodation for local children and young people and were much appreciative of our support.



5. Up & Coming

- Spring Clean Raffle- Bumper Basket of Cleaning Items & Products for Greek Easter Period.
- Easter Gifts For *O Sotir Orphanage* Children and Young Persons- KIO members are welcomed to make contributions.

6.KIO Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This will be arranged as soon as the Greek Government gives permission for public meetings and gatherings. KIO will provide a full report including its finances. All members are welcome to attend. Please watch for details.

Lastly, please stay safe and well. Happy Greek Easter (Kalo Pascha)

S.Hughes Secretary KIO.